Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia.

SHAKE-UP OF THE POLICE

Norfolk Commissioners Not Satisfied With Situation.

THE GAMBLERS VANISHED

The Activity of the Police Court is Now Turned Towards Small Crap Joints and Negro Policy Writers. Probably Case of Suicide.

Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon. No changes in the police force were made, but many were proposed and is that they will allow at least one He is the brother of a prominent saloon advocates of this administration when the campaign was in progress. It is reported that he wished his brother to have the place of chief of police, but took the place of captain of detectives instead, when opposition developed to the assignment to the higher place. There are rumors of other changes, too. There are some of the men in the ranks, too, who have incurred the displeasure or provoked the criticisms of the com-missioners. They also may be asked to able way out of a predicament. This Board of Commissioners made a num-ber of changes when it assumed the control of the force, and some of them have not fulfilled the promises friends of the administration made. There is a great deal of gossip and no doubt there vill be a shake up of the police depart-

the administration made. There is a great deal of gosslp and no doubt there will be a shake up of the police department.

There was a general attack all along the line in the Police Court this morning against the saloon men and the crap shooters among the negroes. The large gamblers are driven out of the city for a time, or at least they have subsided. It is said that the amount that Otts Harlan denied he won here, \$5,000, would be an inconceivable amount to win from the poker players and the roulette and fare dealars here now. One of the detectives who professes to know, says that all of the gamblers in the city now could not raise one-tenth of that sum. Hence the crusade now turns to the crap joints, run for the negroes, and to the policy writers also run for the paltry sums that the negroes can afford to put up on the slim chances of winning a few dollars at long intervals. In the Police Court this morning heavy fines were imposed on two negroes on the evidence of the rival policy writers, who has declared that if he cannot play the game or the trade, he will not allow any one else more favored or more neglected by the police to play it. Whether there has been discrimination or not, it is certain that this witness appeared as an informer.

FOR ANNEXATION.

Conditions in Norfolk county in relation to Portsmouth are similar to those in Richmond in relation to Henrico. The politicians of Norfolk county are irring to prevent the annexation of parts of county to Portsmouth, which are not only adjacent to the city, but integral parts of it, except in name. One delegation from Portsmouth has gone to Richmond in the interest of annexation and another delegation will go to-morrow. They will advocate the passage of the Anderson bill. City Attorney Charles G. Hume, accompanied by Joseph H. Saunders and J. Davis Reed, representing the Business Men's Association of Portsmouth, left this afternoon. To-morrow they will be reinforced by Presidents G. S. Sherwood, of the Business Men's Association and another delegation will was light. The door was open and pushing it lightly, Mrs. Biggs went back to bed. A little later she heard the door open and getting up a second time to see what the matter was, found a large man in the hall-way. His back was to her and Mrs. Biggs could not see his color. She screamed murder, and the burglar becoming frightened jumped out of the bath room window through which he had entered by means of an improvised ladder, put together with sticks and ropes so that no noise would have to be made by nalling. A clothes line from a neighboring yard was stolen for the purpose.

SUPPOSED TO BE A SUICIDE.

Giacomo Gatto's body was found under the Brambleton Bridge, near the water of Mahone Lake, at noon to-day. The man had apparently died by his own hand. A pistol was found lying between his legs, and there was a large wound of the buillot from it in the right temple. He was a shoemaker and came here from the lorthern part of Italy about two years ago. He was unmarried and has no relativez here except a brother, also an Italian and a shoemaker in Portsmouth. The body was taken by the coroner, who will hold an inquest to determine the cause of death.

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cause of death.

An arrest, which promises a sensational investigation by the police commissioners, occurred at Main and Atlantic Streets this afternoon, when the police officer stationed at that corner carried to police headquarters upon the charge of "interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty" a woman giving the name of Mary Pennal. his duty' a woman giving the name of Mary Powell, originally from Bertie county, N. C., and now residing on Church Street. The woman, it is said, made some sensational charges against the officer while being examined at the rail at the station-house, which will demand an investigation and possibly a dismissal, if true.

FARLEY WOUNDED.

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Frank J. Farley, the sporting man, was shot three times by his brother-in-law, Joe Brown, at their home on South Street. Portsmouth, this morning. The shooting grew out of domestic affairs. Mr. Brown fired four shots, three of which took effect, one in Mr. Farley's head, making a bad scalp wound. The second ball struck in his right cheek and the third in Farley's wrist. The wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

Horace A. Reed's bull against the Norfolk Railway and Light Company was

act of getting off. He had lost a leg, and he alleges that the car was started while his foot was on the step of the car and lits crutches were on the plants of the platform. He was in bed for several months and paid large bills of physicians and lost much time. The jury brought in a verdlet for the defendant company. Charles R. Hunter's, allas J. T. Allen's, body will be buried. The body has been kept in the morgue a month in the expectation that some friend or relative would claim it. Sam Walters has been convicted of the murder, and now there is no further excuse for delaying the buried. The reduction that some friend or relative would claim it. Sam Walters has been convicted of the murder, and now there is no further excuse for delaying the buried. The oldy will bury the body in the burying place for strangers.

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Arrangements for Y. M. C. A. Four Places Broken Into and Valuables Stolen.

THREE OCTOGENARIANS DIE IN ROCKBRIDGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 10.—Three deaths of octogenarians are reported within the past few days in Rockbridge. Mr. William T. McCurdy, aged eightytwo years, died at his home near Flumen, Rockbridge county, Saturday night, and his remains were buried to-day at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Rev. Henry Miller officiating, Mr. McCurdy retired Saturday night in his usual health and was found dead Sunday morning. Fifteen years ago he was terribly wounded by a mower, which resulted in the loss of all the fingers of one hand and several on the other. During the Civil War he was a member of Liberty Hall Volunteers, Company I, Fourth Virginia Infantry, and several with bravery iren survive-Messrs. J. F. McCurdy, of Marshall, Mo.; J. W. McCurdy, of San Francisco, Cal., and Mrs. James Hahn, survives-Mr. A. A. McCurdy, of Rock-

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Curdy celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. McCurdy was for many years a member of Bethesda Presbyterian

Church.
Mr. James D. Arthur is dead at his his James D. Arthur is dead at his home, on South Buffalo, Rockbridge county, past eighty years of age. Some years ago, without relatives, he willed his property to John A. Hickman, with the understanding that he was to be taken care of the rost of his life, and this agreement was faithfully corried out.
Mr. Lindsay Dudley died Sunday at his ome, rear Rocklidge Baths, at the age of eighty-one years. His dealt was due to old age. He leaves one son, Mr. Mohler Dudley, who lived with his father.

HEPTASOPHS IN SESSION

Seventienth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Suffolk, (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., Fbruary 10.—The sev-

enteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Hoptasophs, or Seven Wise Men, was convened here to-day. Three sessions were held. The attendance was the largest for several years. The following grand officers were elected: R. S. Boykin, Suffolk, archon; Dr. W. T. Jordan, Driver, chancellor; A. C. Metcalf, Norfolk, provost; J. S. Williams, Hodges Ferry, prelate; C. E. Outten, Portsmouth, treasurer; C. F. McCoy, Norfolk, scribe; J. H. Culley, Suffolk, inspector-general; T. M. Jones, Berkley, herald; Dr. W. T. Jordan, Driver, and W. J. Woodward, Norfolk, representatives to Supagme Conclave, which will meet the first Tuesday in June at Wilmington, Del.; A. C. Metcalf, Norfolk; J. A. Williams, Hodges Ferry, and J. L. Bunting, Norfolk county, trustees. enteenth annual session of the Grand

LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTM'T

Annual Election of Officers Followed by Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 10.—The Lexington Fire Department held their annual meeting last night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

It. C. Bowyer, chief, and J. L. Henderson, assistant chief.

Following the meeting a delightful banquet was served at W. E. Granger's restaurant, sixty-five covers being laid. In addition to the firemen, members of the Town Council and other friends were invited. Mr. V. B. McCluer acted as master of ceremonies.

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The Lexington Fire Department is a voluntary organization, and is one of the most efficient in the State. They have carried off honors at nearly every convention in competitive races.

REQUISITION FOR WALK

Tennessee Officials Want Custody of Virginia Officer in Bristol. (Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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BRISTOL, VA., February 10.—Officer Walk, of Bristol, Va., who was wanted for the murder of Policerann Childress, of Bristol, Team., on Sunday, and who surrendered to the Virginia authorities last night, did not come to Tennessee to-day to stand trial, as was expected. The fact that he remained away and was allowed to parade the Virginia streets in a public manner occasioned excitement and unrest, and caused notwerse criticism of the Virginia officers, who had him in charke. A fugitive warrant was served on Walk, and Chief of Police Kigore says that he will be responsible for the man's proper delivery to the Tennessee authorities, but that Walk will not come to Tennessee until counsel is arranged for. The Tennessee authorities who had been led to believe Walk would be turned over to the to-day, this afternoon mailed an application for requisition papers.

BURNED TO DEATH

Three-Year-Old Child Left Alone at Home by Her Parents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALEM, VA., February 10.—Mabel Criner, the three-year-old daughter of Phos. Criner, was burned to death to-da t her father's home, at Glenvar, the county. The little girl was left alone is the house while her mother went to a neighbor's. Some men who were working near by saw a blaze in the house, and hestening to investigate, they found the child wrapped in flames and her body frightfully charred. Her clothing is sup-posed to have caught from an open stove in the room,

From Cartersville.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CARTERSVILLE, VA., Fobruary 10.—
The two negroes who attacked mailcarrier Amos between Cumberland Courthouse and Cartersville were arrested last
night and are now in jail. might and are now in jail.

Mr. C. R. Sanderson, of Ashby, Va., lost by fire last night a barn containing about three hundred dollars' worth of sumac and hay. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about five hundred dollars.

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had scalp wound. The second ball struck it his right cheek and the third in Farley's wrist. The wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

Horace A. Reed's suit against the Norfolk Railway and Light Company was tried in the Court of Law and Chancery to-day. He sued for 5,000, alleging that he was thrown to the ground and seriously hurt by the starting of the car- or the Ocean View Road while he was in the

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FINE MUSICAL FEATURES FOUND BY THE WATCHMAN

The Virginia Glee Club, of Richmond, Will Contribute to the Pleasure and Success of the Occasion-Several Notable Speakers.

officers and members of the local Young busy making preparations for the enter aining of the delegates to the annual State Convention of the association, which will be held at the First Presbyary 28th to March 1st. The programme plete, and it is believed that the affair will be one of the most successful ever held in the State. The music will be one of the best features of the session, and, in addition to the congregational singing, lead by a male choir and accompanied by a pipe organ, there will be the Virginia Glee Club of Richmond. The members of the club are: W. A. Watkins, first tenor; J. A. Morton, second tenor; J. J. McBain, first bass; G. Peter Jones, director.

Among the prominent speakers who will attend the convention and whose names will appear on the programme are: Rev. J. Timothy Stone, pastor of Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore; Fred. B. Smith, of New York, religious secretary of the International Committee; C. L. Gates, of Atlanta, Ga., field secretary of the International Commitplete, and it is believed that the affair

or the Battimore Association; W. C. Douglas, Philadelphia, Pa.; John Lake, of Louisville, Ky., county work secretary, and H. P. Anderson, of New York, cellege secretary of the International Committee.

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Many plans are being made for the entertaining of the delegates and a visit to the shipyard has already been arranged for.

TRIAL IN RICHMOND.

When the case of Robert Barker, charged with betraying Mattle Lou Mc-Cormick under promise of marriage, was called in the Police Court this morning it was learned from the girl that the alleged crime was committed in Richmond instead of in this city. After a consultation, the prisoner's attorneys, Messrs. Gilkerson and Bernard, moved that the warrant be dismissed, as the court did not have jurisdiction in the case.

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Chief of Pelice Johnson, then announced that he had been notified by Chief Howard, of Richmond, that a warrant had been issued in that eity for Barker, Justice Brown dismissed the case and ordered the prisoner to be held for the Richmond authorities. William McCormick and his wife, the father and mother of the girl, and the girl herself, were all recognized to appear before Justice Crutchfield in Richmond Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when the case will morning at 10 o'clock, when the case will

Barker is being held in jall, and an officer from Richmond is expected to arrive to take charge of him to-mor-

The girl tells a pitiful story, and declares that Barker beat her and threatened her life after he took her from her home here, promising to marry her. The crime is alleged to have been committed while the couple were in Richmond, after leaving here, as the girl's parents supposed, to be married.

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James Coutts, a young man employed in the joiner shop at the shipyard, caught his arm in a machine this morning and had it torn to pieces. He was removed to the hospital, and is now in a serious condition.

A negro, whose name could not be learned, dropped dead in Warwick county, a short distance from the city limits, last night. The man had been suffering from smallpox and escuped from a window of his home and was walking toward the city when he fell dead.

The British steamship Oceana, which The British steamship Oceana, whi

has been at the shippard for repairs to her propeller shaft, went to pier 10 today to load bunker coal before proceeding on her voyage to Galveston,
Captain Byron T. Beeson, formerly of the lowa Soldiers' Home, was installed as treasurer of the National Soldiers' Home here yesterday. The Captain succeeded Captain W. H. H. Peck, who was forced to resign the office on account of ill health. Captain Peck will return to his old home in California.

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED. COMMITTEES APPOINTED.
Representatives of the Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy of this city and Hampton held a meeting at the courthouse last night to start the work of arranging for the entertainment of the Grand Camp. Confederate Veterans, which holds its annual reunion here in september. A number of subcommittees were appointed and the work was started off in zood shape.

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In looking over the records this afternoon the police discovered that Robert Barker, the young man who is to be tried in Richmond Thursday on the charge of betraying Mattle Lou McCormick under promise of marriage, was convicted here last June of keeping a disorderly house and fined \$8.5. It was also discovered that the man's real name is Robort Baughker.

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The committee representing the local business men who subscribed \$100,000 to a silk mill to be located here by the Liberty Silk Mill Company, of New York, announced to-night that the deal had been called off. It has been learned, that certain circumstances exist which would make it unadvisable to bring the will here.

HAS DISAPPEARED

Many Animals Have Been Bitten by Mad Dog in King George. (Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY,

VA., Feb. 10.—John Bumbrey mysteriously disappeared from his home, at Chatterton, in this county, several days ago, and his whereabouts cannot even be conjectured. His wife and children are greatly disturbed because of his unaccountable disappearance.

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Bumbrey resided on the banks of the Potomac River, and his-relations fear that he has been drowned, though there is no evidence to support this theory.

Some of the many animals bitten by a rabid dog here two weeks tgo are rapidly exhibiting symptoms of hydrophobia and there is no little excitement on account of it.

One Burglar Was Seen at Work On a Safe And Was Shot at Five Times, But He Managed to Make Good His Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., February 10.—The carnival of crime and the raid of the safe burgiars resulted in the breaking in of four places. They seemed to have had meeting and planned to raid all the larger places in East Suffolk just beyond the corporate limits. The victims were located at four places.

The biggest losers were the Cobb Brothers, owners of the Suffolk Knitting Mills. The burglars broke into a rear Mills. The burglars broke into a rear window and made their way to the safe. That was opened by the use of a combination. The small inside locks were minor considerations. The criminals found in the drawers a \$250 diamond ring, a \$150 watch and chain and twelve cents in cash.

These were all the things they could realize upon. Aside from these they took about \$1,000 of bank stock and \$15,000 worth of notes and bonds.

Barton & Jefferey's safe was torn to pieces. When seen this afternoon the firm was not sure whether it was done by sledge hammers or nitro-glycerine. The amount lost was \$15 in cash. The papers were found along the railroad tracks.

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The Union Iron Works safe was touched. George Wells, the night watchman, heard a noise inside and found the man who was battering in the safe door. He was a lone burglar. Wells shot at the man five times, but he kept on and made good an escape. Wells says he would have entered the safe in five more minutes.

minutes.

The storage warehouse of W. S. Cross & Company was broken into. They found no safe and left without disturbing the peanuts and potatoes.

At to-night's session of the Grand Lodge of Heptasophs in Suffolk they decided to meet next February in Norfolk. In compliance with a suggestion from Suprems Secretary George W. Wright it was agreed that a called meeting be held between the June session in Wilmington, Del., and the next annual convention for the purpose of codifying laws.

WILL BE OPPOSED

Hampton Methodist Church Unwilling to Give Up Rev. S. J. Peters.

(Specining to The Times Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 10. Rev. Sydney J. Peters, of Hampton, tonight said to The Times-Dispatch corre

spondent:
 "You may say that I shall leave the matter of the acceptance of the position



of superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia to the members of League of Virginia to the members of my congregation and the official board of

The church will probably take some action in the next few days, and it is believed that Mr. Peters' acceptance of the

OFFICERS ELECTED Park Agnew Retires from Directorate

of Mount Vernon Line.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 10.—The stockholders of the Washington, Alexstockholders of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Effectic Railway Company held their annual meeting here to-day and re-elected all the old officers with the exception of Park Agnew, who resigned, as directed, in favor of F. K. Hipple.

It was shown-that the business done in the past year was the largest since the road started.

The gross receipts were \$217,005.75; operating expenses, \$140,230,63; receipts over expenses, \$77,420,12, leaving a surplus of \$44,920,16.

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A dividend of two per cent. was paid stockholders on capital stock. KILLED BIG BEAR

IN ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 10.—Report has reached here that Mr. C. C. Norcross, who lives on James River, Rock-bridge county, killed a bear near his which weighed over 300 pounds. her bear was also killed in the neighborhood. Monday Mr. J. H. Leech, of Lexington, joined Dr. H. R. Laird, of James River, for a bear hunt in that neigh-

From Tappahannock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

TAPPAHANNOCK, VA., February 10.—
Owing to the pretty spell of weather of
the last few days, large quantilities of
English peas are being planted.

A very wet winter has given us the
worst roads in years. The people hereabouts are talking the good roads movement a good deal. Some of the farmers
say they are willing to pay money out of
their pockets in order to have better
roads.

The People's Steamboat Company is

The People's Steamboat Company is about to have a mail route established on the steamer Tourist from Fredericks-burg to Urbanna,

RESIGNED

tian Church, at Fredericksb'g

FIRST POTOMAC HERRING

Fish Will Soon Be Plentiful at the Mariborough and Widewater Fishing Shores on the Potomac-King George Timber Lands.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 10.— Rev. I. L. Chestnutt, who for several years has been the pastor of the Chris tian Church in this city, has tendered The resignation came as a surprise, as in his denomination and is popular not only with his congregation, but in the community.

Herrings are beginning to run in the Potomac River, and the first specimen of the season brought here this week was exhibited at the store of Captain M. B. Rowe, as an object of curiosity. This class of fish will be plentiful in a few weeks. At some of the hauls made with the big seines at the Marlborough and Widewater fishing shores more than 100,000 specimens are sometimes caught at one time.

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Mr. J. B. Mattingly, of Laplata, Maryland, has purchased several tracts of heavy timber on the Potomac River, in King George county, and will put in several saw mills for cutting up the same for use by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

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Mr. J. Henry Myer, a deserving farmer of Caroline county, lost his right hand by having it cut off while feeding a corn shredder on the farm of Mr. J. L. Jordan, in that county.

NEW PENSION BOARD.

Circuit Judge J. E. Mason has ap-

NEW PENSION BOARD. Circuit Judge J. E. Mason has ap-pointed Messrs. Henry V. Turner, Wm. F. Grigsby and F. C. Fitzhugh as mem-

F. Grigsby and F. C. Fitzhugh as members of the new Pension Board for King Géòrge county for 1993.

The Copper Ore Company, whose plant is near Garrisonville, in Stafford county, has a vertical shaft of shout 40 feet and proposes going down to a depth of 150 feet unless pay dirt is sooner reached.

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A lodge of Odd-Fellows will be organized at Orang- Courthouse one night this week.

Mr. E. C. Rowe, who for more than a quarter of a century has been the mail agent on the Pledmont, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad between this city and Orango, is critically ill at his home here, and it is thought he cannot recover. He is a brother of the late Mayor A. P. Rowe and of Rev. R. S. Rowe, of Maryland.

REVENUE DECISION.

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REVENUE DECISION.

The decision of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes, at Washington, that a farmer has the right to retail tobacco of his own growing in its natural state without a license, is gratifying to the many planters in this section of the State, who have heretofore been doing a considerable business in that line.

the public in the condition of the lic roads and the adoption of some means for their improvement, a farmer of Stafford county, in a communication published in the local press, advocates that a tax or license of twenty-five cents on every horse and mule in that county, from three years old and up, or of 50 cents if necessary, be charged for road purposes.

ELKS' BAZAAR

Charlottesville Elks Desire to Build an Elks' Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February 10.—The Elks' bazaar and festival was formally opened at 8 o'clock this evening by Governor A. J. Montague, the tele-gram from the Governor being read by Mr. Ben W. Leterman, chairman of the general committee of arrangements. The Monticefic Guard Armory, where the bapeing present. The Elki

The armory is handsomely decorated throughout with potted plants and flags. The twenty-odd booths are artistically arranged along the sides and through the center of the building. In the south end is erected a large stage for the musicians the music being furnished alternately be the Citizens' Band and the University of lirginia Glee and Mandolin Club.

To-morrow night will be known as fra To-morrow light will be known as fra ternity night, when the various fraterns organizations of the city will be cordially welcomed by Judge R. T. W. Duke, welcomed the Mason and a charter membe of the local lodge of Elks.

The festival and bazaar is for the pur

ose of raising funds for the proposed Elks' Home, to be erected in the near future on High Street, near the court-nouse, at a cost of over \$10,000.

HAS SUED OFFICER

Charges That He Was Improperly Treated at Hamlet, N. C.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BOYDTON, VA., February 10.—Mr.
John L. Hendrick, who was tried week
before last at Lawrenceville for shooting
Mr. Mitchell sometime last summer, was
here last week. He feels greatly aggrieved at the manner of his arrest by
Officer Feitz at Hamlet, N. C., when that
officer shot him twice very badly. Mr.
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authority for his action,
The Rev. Frank Stringfellow, rector of
the Episcopal Church here, left yesterday for Petersburg, where he will hold
a mission in one of the Episcopal
churches of that city fluring this and
a part of next week.

The continued rains have very much
retarded farming operations in Mecklenburg, and but little has been done towards preparing the lands for the spring
crops. The roads have been almost impassable. Provender is very scarce and
high.

CAPT. BUNTING RECOVERING

LOCAL OPTION

Petitions Circulated in Westmoreland and Richmond Counties.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HEATHSVILLE, VA., Feb. 10.—A
mass-meeting was recently held at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county, and resolutions were adopted requesting Judge Beale to order a local option election for the Oak Grove District during April. Colonial Beach, the old and famous summer resort, is situated in this district, and it is said that the owners of this place will put up a stiff fight.

A potition is being circulated in Newhalf of a local option election to be held during the spring.

A postoffice has been established in Washington District, Richmond county, in helad to a spring.

A postoffice has been established in Washington District, Richmond county, Known as Tidewater, with R. S. Davis postmaster.

A new telephone line will be extended from Wicomico to Harcum's Wharf, Northumberland county. This will be a great convenience to the people of that neighborhood, as heretofore their nearest 'phone office was many miles distant. Beale to order a local option election for

The farmers have secured their seed, English peas and fertilizer, and are now awaiting favorable weather for planting.

SEEKS RANCH LIFE

B. D. Goff, the Football Player Has Left the University.

(Recent to The Times-Dispatch.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA.

February 10.-Mr. Benjamin D. Goff, a partment, withdrew from the University this morning and left to-night for Arople of years in the enjoyment of ranch

in most of the games after the injury to Ceptain Dorsey Waters.

Mr. Goff is the second member of the foot-ball eleven to leave the University this session for life on the ranch, the first being Mr. Carroll C. St. John, of New York, who left late in October for Birney, Montana. St. John's position was left end, His successor was Mr. Edward M. Daniel, of Lynchburg, son of United States Senator John W. Daniel.

TWO WERE KILLED

Fatal Shooting Affray in Pocahontas County

10 .- Intelligence reached here to-day by cers and a man whom they attempted to

cers and a man whom they attempted to arrest at a town called Dan, some five miles from Marlinton. W. Va. Result: Two dead and one wounded.

John May and Granville Messer left Marlinton Sunday to arrest W. J. Colley, who was charged with a minor offense. Messer ordered Colley to surrender, whereupon the latter drew his pistol and a duel ensued. Messer emptied one pistol, but continued firing with a second, shooting in all ten bullets into Colley, receiving in his own body five from Colley's weapon. At this point Colley said he would surrender, and Messer walked out of the house and sat down on the wood pile and soon died. Colley fell backward on his bed and expired in a few minutes. May received a wound in the shoulder, inflicted by a woman at Colley's. He handcuffed the woman and kept her confined until a coroner's jury went down from Marlinton. Both Colley and Messer were from Kentucky. The latter was related to the Hatfields.

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The recent rains have put our country roads in such condition as to make it almost impossible to pass over them.

The farmers in this locality are very backward with their work. The continued wet weather has made it almost impossible to do anything at all.

Mr. Edward Tucker and Mr. J. W. White, of Gun's Hill, left on Saturday last for Montana to engage in business, The best wishes of their many friends accompany them.

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Mrs. George D. Baskerville, who has been ill at her home near Gun's Hill for the past few months, expects to leave this week for the Old Dominion Hospital, Blohmod, Va.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., Fobruary 10.—Chief of Police Simpson has received a letter from James Lambert, brother-in-law of William Massey, who shot his wife last week, and who is now in Juli waiting the action of the grand jury. Lambert says that Massey is considered an outlaw in Mythe county, where he lived, and that his right name is not Massey, but Austin, and that his right name is not Massey, but Austin, Lambert writes from Bekman, W. Va. Mr. Lambert says that he and his wife will come, to Staunton in a few days to get the children, which are now in the county poor' house. Massey says that Lambert is not a married man, and he does not want him to have his children, but wants them to go to his wife's mother.

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(COLUMBIA, VA., Feb. 10.—Dr. J. W. Richardson, of Columbia, is critically ill at his home, with little hope of his recovery. His health has gradually been failing for some time. He has been unconsclous since Sunday, and his death is expected at any time.

James Barrot, a respected old negro preacher of Columbia, died on Sunday night in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

in Spotsylvania.

Five-Masted Schooner Collides With

a Lightship in a Fog.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHINCOTEAGUE, VA., February 10.—
Captain William C. Bunting, who was very badly cut during a recent altereation, is rapidly convalescing.

Rev. Mr. Sanderin, of Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Sanderin, of Philadelphia, made a fine impression,

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Superintendent of a Factory Has a Serious Accident.

MRS. JOYNER'S CONDITION

She Still Hopes for the Return of He Child-Improvements and Repairs at the Market Street Methodist Church Nearly Completed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., February 10.—Mr.,
Milton Wells, superintendent of the Petersburg Wood Supply Company, lost his right arm in an accident at the factory this morning. Mr. Wells was at work at the planer, when his right hand caught in the machine. His hand and forearm was so badly mashed that it had to be amputated as soon as he reached the hospital. Mr. Wells stood the operation well, and is resting as quietly this evening as could be expected,

the operation well, and is resting as quietly this evening as could be expected, Mr. Wells has been a resident of Petersburg several years, coming to this city from the country. He has been married but a few months. He has been married but a few months, He has been married but a few months. The mind or probably the life of Mrs. The mind or probably the life of Mrs. da V. Joyner will probably soon be forfeited aniess some tdings come very soon of little Luna-Joyner, who has been missing from her linome in Dinwiddle dounty since the 27th of last November. Mrs. Joyner's condition is exceedingly pitful, and she keeps up only with the faint hope that some news will yet be heard from her little child. Every possible clue has been carefully worked out and the woods near the home have been searched carefully and systematically, and not one ray of light has yet been thrown on the mystery. The mother, though a few months ago a strong woman, has succumbed to the grief occasioned by her loss. It cannot be hoped that she can hold out much longer under the extreme angulas she is suffering.

NEW PEWS ORDERED.

New pews for Marked-Street Methodist Church have arrived in the city and will be placed in the building as soon as the carpet has been laid. Improvements at the church are now nearing completion, and the auditorium will doubtless he ready for services by the first of the month.

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The ladles who have been working so earnestly and faithfully in the interest of the Blandford memorial fund contemplate giving an entertainment at the Academy of Music for the benefit of the improvement. Local talent will contribute to the entertainment in the event the entertainment is determined upon.

Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of Wesley Church, delivered a lecture at Blandford Church to-night, his subject beins "Love, Courtship and Marriage."

Good crowds continue to attend the revival services at West-Street Church.

Nelson Branch, a respectable colored citizen of Prince George county, is dead at the age of eighty-one years. Branch had been a member of Gilfield Baptist Church in this city for more than thirty years.

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Church in this city for more than thirty years.
Uniforn Rank, Knights of Pythias, will hold a rummage sale on next Saturday.
Winchester, a drama, built on the war between the States, will be presented at the Academy of Music in this city tomorrow evening.

THE NEW HOTEL.
Mr. John Peebles, a Norfolk architect, has been in Petersburg with the plans for the new hotel to be built at Sycamore and Tabb Streets in this city. The building, as proposed, is to be six stories

Throughout will be equipped with modern improvements.

A local option election will be held at each of the proclinots at Darvilla, in Dinwiddle county, on the 19th of this month. The election will be under the supervision of the sheriff of the county, and it is expected that a large majority will vote against granting liquor licenses in the district.

The Virginia Passenger and Power Company are pushing forward their work of developing the power of the Upper Appomatiox Canal.

IN YORKTOWN Bishop Randolph Preaches and Con-

(Special to The Times-Dispatch, YORKTOWN, VA., Feb.

Handolph reached here yesterday at noon and held confirmation services at Grace Episcopal Church.

Mr. W. B. Purcell, the saw-milli man, of Gloucester county, has just completed his new plant, having added quite an amount of new machinery. He is working both a day and night force to catch up with his many orders.

Building is on a boom, but lumber is quite hard to obtain as needed.

At Drake's Branch. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DRAKE'S BRANCH, VA., February 10. DRAKE'S BRANCH, VA., February 10. Rev. Mr. Granbery, pastor of the Mathodist churches on this circuit, returned with his bride some ten days since, and is occupying the parsonage. He is a son of Bishop Granbery. Mrs. Granbery was a Miss Catt., of Staunton.

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are good, and the prices obtained on our market compare very favorably with Farmville, Lynchburg, Chase City and other nearby markets. Mr. Zuhling, of Lynchburg, and Mr. Zimmer, of Petersburg, large buyers on this market, attended the sale to-day. The former is represented here by Mr. Nunnally; latter by Mr. Froctor.

Another new store is going up, and other buildings are in contemplation.

Sergeant Seriously Wounded.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KEYSVILLE, VA., Feb. 10.—While attompting to arrest a man for drunken-ness and disorderly conduct on the street John Eubank, town sergeant, was bud-ly cut on the thigh. The weapon in-flicting the injury was a pocket knife. The assailant made seven fruitless at-tempts to cut the officer about the breast and the arm, as was shown by the slashes in his coat, before assistance arrived. The wound, which was six inches long and very deep, was sowed up by Dr. Thompson Morton.

An Incendiary Fire

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NOTTOWAY C. H., VA., February 10—
Mr; John S. Epos, a prominent farmer
near here, lost by fire this morning his
stables and feed and farming implements.
The loss was \$3,000. The fire is thought to
be of incendiary origin.